

Extract of EGLA-13644, dated 29 April 1955 - Dienststelle 2 - Summary of  
Activities (original filed Dienststelle 2)

4. Hungarian Operations Group: The group is still led by V-14 hll who the undersigned met and worked with on the Fall ROBERT case. A personal assessment of V-14 hll is difficult. He was, at the time I worked with him, more than cooperative and seemed quite skilled in the fields with which he was familiar. He is in direct contact with V-14 h00 and does all the reporting for the Hungarian group under him. The group has been the greatest thorn in the side that we have had to endure thus far. The attempted deception as to the group's real backing has fallen flat in the past year. All official agencies in Salzburg are well aware that the group is German backed and even that it is tied to ZIPPER. This situation was for a long while blamed on the connivances of Istvan HEGEDUES, Andre KOPPA and ODOPAL generally as well as the intrigues of General ZAKO's henchmen. Undoubtedly the very thin cover was partially blown by these people but the most basic factor in the destruction of the cover was not attributable to ODOPAL alone. The blame seems to be evenly distributed between all interested factions. The cover though became a minor issue during the year. The major issues became the refugee "snatching" question of which ODOPAL accused members of the Hungarian group as well as the rumors which were circulated from one coffee house to the other regarding what one Hungarian had said to another about the ZIPPER group or operations thereof. These relatively minor issues ODOPAL managed to blow up beyond the proportion they deserved until they became basic points of disagreement which placed him in the unfortunate position of the unwilling middleman. The apparent lack of security and the tremendous knowledge that ODOPAL had accumulated about members of the Hungarian group through pure coincidence convinced us that the clandestine and general work capacity of the group was at least limited. Thus the operational activities mentioned earlier in this report.

5. V-14 hll: He continues his work on the HJ BRILLANT 327 case which even he admits has become problematic.

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